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re: January 20 Commission meeting

Dear Ms. Salas:

Please accept the attached letter for forwarding to Commission Chairman William Kennard and the four other Commissioners as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Mr. William E. Kennard, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

I strongly support the establishment of a Low Power FM (LPFM) radio service as outlined in the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in docket MM 99-25, which called for creation of 1000 watt and 100 watt commercial and non-commercial LPFM stations nationwide.

It has come to my attention that the Commissioners will be presented with a quite substantially altered proposal at the Jan 20th meeting. My understanding is that this altered proposal (NPRM) provides for only non-commercial stations with maximum power of 100 watts and proposes retaining the present 2nd-adjacent protections.

To place such severe placement, coverage and non-commercial limits on LPFM would doom the service before it begins, making it impossible for individual station owners to attract enough financial support to exist as a viable broadcast radio service.

I participated in the LPFM NPRM proceeding and personally reviewed hundreds of comments filed by the general public. It is perhaps necessary to remind you that an overwhelming number of comments filed during the two public response periods supported the creation of 1000 watt and 100 watt stations, and supported both commercial and non-commercial operation as set forth in the FCC's NPRM. I should also remind the commission that over 13,000 inquiries regarding LPFM were received by the agency last year.

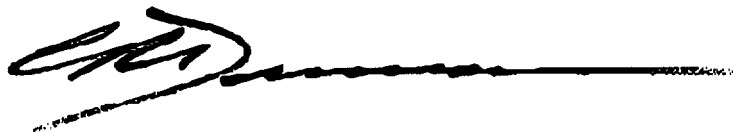
The public has spoken on this matter and to ignore this public mandate and cave in to pressure from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) would be a disgrace. Among other more obvious misrepresentations, the NAB has claimed that the new LPFM stations would cause interference to existing stations. However, the Commission's own receiver study has proved this assertion to be incorrect. It is highly likely that the NAB raised this smokescreen issue to attempt to conceal its real dislike for LPFM, based on the fact that its members fear and detest the mere thought of competition for advertising revenues.

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I respectfully suggest that the Commission's hew to its mandate to promote diversity and free speech, and that its not inconsiderable resources be directed toward establishment of a viable, commercial/non-commercial LPFM service. I therefore request that the Commissioners vote for LPFM in its full form as proposed in the NPRM or delay the vote until a workable LPFM service of 1000 watt and 100 watt commercial and non-commercial stations might be defined.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



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